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# Healthy Food Program Was Fun, Educational and Yummy

by Melissa Sites

Under the broad shady leaves of a pawpaw tree, Shaymar Higgs led a healthy food program near Springhill Lake Recreation Center, hosted by CHEARS (Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society). Founder and director of The Space Free Art for All, located at Beltway Plaza, Higgs shared a table laden with strange and exotic looking fruits. Among the crowd were CHEARS stalwarts Bob and Maggie Cahalan, along with Carolyn Lambright-Davis, convener.

Higgs brought several fruits from Asia including the lychee and the Asian pear. Asian pears – round, crunchy fruit - are a great alternative to an apple with a lot less sugar, according to Higgs. To eat the lychee, one must pinch off the leathery skin and nibble the grape-like fruit from around a large seed. Lambright-Davis collected the seeds so that her Earth Squad kids could try growing plants from them.

The crowd described many of the fruits Higgs offered as juicy and refreshing. He offered two large dragon fruits (pitaya or pitahaya), one with red flesh and one with white. The red fruit was deemed sweeter, the white fruit muskier. These fruits grow on a cactus similar to prickly



Shaymar Higgs works on the food demonstration at Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Sunday, August 29.

pear. Higgs, who studied cooking and worked in fine dining, recommended blending dragon fruit with coconut, mango or passionfruit, advising cooks to "use a spoon to scoop it out because the skin is bitter."

When he lived in Florida, Higgs was able to grow bananas, sand apples (a type of pawpaw), mangos, starfruit and coconut. "The starfruit should be orange," he said. "You peel the fins off and pop out the seeds.'

The crowd also enjoyed golden kiwi, golden honeydew and

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# Enjoy a Fun and Safe Labor Day Festival

# by Jane Young

Greenbelters are encouraged to enjoy a fun and safe (abbreviated) Labor Day Festival. The schedule of events is on the back page of this issue of the News Review and on the website greenbeltlaborday.com. Due to Covid-19, the public is requested to wear masks and avoid crowding. All in-person events will be outside. There won't be a shuttle bus or bleachers this year, so bring chairs or blankets to sit on the lawn.

Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen will be announced on Friday. Information Day, including a compost tour, will take place on Saturday, as will the hybrid PTA book sales located in yards throughout the city (rain date is Sunday). Book sale locations can be found at tinyurl.com/ges-ptabooks. There will also be book sale tables at the Center on Friday, Saturday and Monday. The Craft Fair and Retro Town Fair are on Sunday. There will also be virtual art and photo shows and

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# Back to School Information

by Julie Rapp

The Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) are open for in-person learning for the 2021-2022 academic year. The first day of school for all students is Wednesday, September 8. Students, parents and legal guardians can check the website at pgcps. org for individual school start and end times, bus stop information, individual school supply lists and health forms for parents and prescribers.

### Registration

Registration for new students is ongoing at all local public schools. In order to register, parents must provide a governmentissued photo identification, an original birth certificate for the student with a seal and the parents' names listed, health documents including immunization records and proof of residency.

## **Child Care Programs**

Before and After Care School Extended Learning Programs

is now called Vendor Managed Child Care Programs (VMCCP). All programs operate in school sites listed on the PGCPS website. Vendors assigned to each school determine the registration process and timelines. For more information parents can sign up for school system alerts at pgcps. org or monitor the main website. Parents can also call 1-877-261-0060 to obtain assistance from LOCATE: Child Care, a service that offers free individual counseling support to find child care in Prince George's County.

#### **Immunizations**

The Prince George's County Health Department is holding immunization clinics in September at multiple school sites and at the Cheverly Health Center for families with little to no health care access. Free Covid-19 vaccinations are available for students

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# Out of Control Driver Smashes Hole in Building; No Injuries

by Amy Hansen

No injuries and no overall structural damage were the positive takeaways from a freak accident on Sunday, August 29, evening when a car careened out of control on Lakeside Drive and plowed into an apartment building. The driver, who was headed south going toward Lakecrest Drive, picked up speed as she went downhill.

"The theory is that some people go to press the brake and end up pressing on the gas," said Captain Mark Sagan of the Greenbelt Police Department, adding there was no indication of drugs or alcohol.

The driver hit a parking sign as well as the wooden sign that says Lakeside, went up onto the University Square Apartments lawn, missing several parked cars, hit a small tree, flipped the car and plowed into the building. No one was in the apartment at the time. Witnesses reported hearing a large boom as the car hit the tan-brick facade and created

"We called the county out to make sure there was no structural damage [to the apartment

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No injuries were reported at this crash at the corner of Westway and Lakeside on Sunday, August 29.

# Election 2021

# Applications for Mail-in Ballots Should Arrive Soon

by Kathleen Gallagher

There is still quite a while before the Greenbelt city election (Tuesday, November 2), but some deadlines might be closer the first time the city is offering mail-in voting, in response to how successful it was in Maryland's elections last year, as well as in response to the ongoing threat presented by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Voters who wish to vote by mail will need to take some action soon but will then be rewarded later by having their ballot arrive at their door. As was explained in the postcard mailed to registered voters earlier this year, on Tuesday, September 7 the city expects to mail out an application form to all currently registered voters for them to request a mail-in ballot if they want it. Those who wish to receive their ballot by mail should fill out the application form and mail it back to the city by Monday, September 27. Those who prefer to use a different voting method should not return the application form, since once a ballot is issued to a voter, the voter should use that form to vote.

Voters who do return their application to request a ballot will than you think. This year for receive their ballot by mail. They can mail the executed ballot to City Clerk Bonita Anderson at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt 20770, or they can put it in the lockeddrop at the east door (the one closest to the flag poles) of the Municipal Building.

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# What Goes On

Monday, September 6 Labor Day Holiday. City offices closed.

Wednesday, September 8 8 p.m. City Council Worksession: Celebration of Centenarians and Community Gardens

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

Message to our Readers

# House Manager News Review Ad Is Likely to Be a Scam

by Cathie Meetre

It looked innocent enough. "A private individual seeking an experienced, detail-oriented House Manager/Personal Assistant to assist a very busy family" had the News Review insert both a display and a classified ad to recruit such person. The ads were paid via PayPal and the ad desk saw no reason to be suspicious. But it now seems that it is extremely likely that these ads were scams. They ran in the newspaper on August 5 and 12 – see box for what to do if you responded.

The newspaper was warned by a member who, on seeing the ad, smelled a rat. She googled some of the elements of it and found identically-worded ads with the same email address in the Narragansett, R.I., local newspaper and the Kern Valley Sun in Lake Isabella, Calif. Further checking revealed more occurrences.

### **Tell Tale Clues**

The News Review urges its readers to be aware of the possibility of scams. In this case, although there was nothing overtly suspicious about the ad itself, a first interaction with the advertiser was more concerning. An employer who doesn't require proof of an applicant's identity, request references or schedule an interview is to be suspected. Any potential employer should be willing to say who they are, where they are located and offer evidence of their existence. To the best of the News Review's knowledge, nobody has yet suffered any negative impact from the ads it ran.

**Avoiding Scams** 

An online publication by the Federal Trade Commission offers advice on what individuals can do to protect themselves from scams of this type, called job-scams (consumer.ftc.gov/articles/jobscams). They warn that, "If you apply, the person who hires you might send you a check. They'll tell you to keep part of the money for your services and then send the rest to someone else. That is a scam. A legitimate employer will never ask you to do that."

Meanwhile, the News Review will also be more aware on behalf of our readers but cannot guarantee to spot all the bad apples up front. The News Review encourages readers to alert us when they are concerned about the bona fides of an advertiser.

The News Review has reported this activity to the Federal Trade Commission.

Any readers who responded to this ad should immediately cut off communication and change any passwords or alert any banks whose information may have been compromised. If they have paid any money, they should stop payment if at all possible.

# **Letters to the Editor**

# Plea for a Greenbelt **Eviction Moratorium**

Councilmembers, please urgently reconsider your previous narrow rejection of a Greenbeltspecific moratorium.

In one Greenbelt apartment complex alone there are 43 homes among scores of Greenbelt households scheduled for eviction in the coming month, according to a list reportedly released by Prince George's County officials. This imminent threat to dozens of our neighbors came just before the Supreme Court ended the CDC moratorium on evictions.

Here are two relevant excerpts from the Call to Action below, released by the National Low Income Housing Coalition:

The Supreme Court ruled today to end the temporary stay on a lower court ruling seeking to overturn the federal eviction moratorium issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In doing so, the Supreme Court's ruling invalidates the federal eviction moratorium, eliminating vital eviction protections that have kept millions of households – predominantly people of color – stably housed.

# **Immediate Action**

With the Supreme Court striking down the eviction moratorium, state and local governments must take immediate action by:

Creating or extending state and local eviction moratoriums.

The newly surging Delta Covid-19 variant, low vaccination rates in communities with high eviction filings and the slow rate of distributing Emergency Rrental Assistance make the necessity of eviction moratoriums abundantly clear. Moratoriums will also provide state and local governments more time to ramp up their efforts to distribute emergency rental assistance to households in need.

Councilmembers, please urgently reconsider your previous narrow rejection of a Greenbeltspecific moratorium!

Ed Fallon

# Festival Preempts Farmers Market

I went to the Farmers Market this morning and heard many say, "see you next week," only to hear the Farmers Market is closed for Labor Day weekend due to the Festival. I think many are confused or thought the market was still going to be open due to the much smaller fair this year because of Covid-19 precautions.

Kathryn Beard

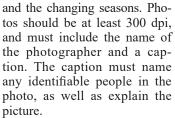
Editor's Note: There has never been a Farmers Market on Labor Day weekend. The Market will return on Sunday, September 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.





# Send Us Your High **Resolution Photos!**

The News Review encourages readers to send in photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities



If you are sending photos from your phone, please choose the option to send "actual size", or upload the photos to your computer first and then email the photos at full size. Send photos to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.





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> **SHOWTIMES** September 3rd - 6th

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**STILLWATER** (R)(CC) (2021)(140 MINS) FRI. 7:30 PM SAT. 5:00 PM SUN. 5:00 PM

MON. 3:45 PM

**MONDAY MATINEE:** SOLD OUT **GILDA** (CC)(1946) (110 MINS) MON. 1:00 PM



- News Review, August 30, 2018



# **Letters Policy**

Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary.

All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.



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# **Community Events**



# St. Hugh's Offers Bingo On Labor Day Only

The St. Hugh's Labor Day Weekend Bingo will be held for only one afternoon this year. On Monday, September 6, Bingo will run from noon to 6 p.m., with the traditional final "blackout bingo game" beginning at 5:30 p.m., on the lawn near the Community Center.

There are some changes this year. There will not be any tents or memorial games. Players will be using paper bingo sheets and daubers generously donated by the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department. Picnic table seating will be first come first served. Players can bring their own card tables and folding chairs from home for extra seating. Only bottled water (no soda) will be sold.

St. Hugh's Ladies of Charity is the sponsor for this event to benefit their programs for those in need in the Greenbelt area, including the St. Hugh's Food Pantry. They are grateful for the 31 Eleanor Roosevelt High School student volunteers who will be selling the bingo.

Hopefully next year, Bingo 2022 will include the usual memorial games for Tess Osborne, Liz Labukas, Thomas X. White, Debbie Reese, Michael Maxwell, Jr. and Kelly Ivy.

# Labor Day Festival Trumps Market

The Labor Day Festival Committee has always had dibs on the parking lot for the Labor Day Festival and the Farmers Market takes Labor Day Sunday off. This year is no exception. The Farmers Market will not be held Sunday, September 5 but will pick up again as usual on September 12 at its usual time of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fall fruits and vegetables will be in abundance as the harvest comes home.

# Museum to Host Retro Town Fair

On Sunday, September 5, the Greenbelt Museum invites gardeners, bakers, canners and crafters to enter their items into the Retro Town Fair. Download, print and fill out an entry form at greenbeltmuseum.org/ exhibitsevents (only one entry per person per category). Then drop off the item and form on the grounds of 10-A and 10-B Crescent between 10 and 11:30 a.m. on September 5. Judging will begin at 11:30. All entries will be displayed for public viewing from 1 to 4 p.m. All entries must be picked up no later than 5 p.m.





From left, JoEllen Sarff, Betty Triplett and Donna Peterson hold the Labor Day bingo banner.

# Join Compost Tour At Roosevelt Center

On Saturday, September 4, during Information Day at the Labor Day Festival, join master composter Danny Lewis at 2 p.m. for an As-the-Worm-Turns tour of composting operations happening in the center of Greenbelt. Meet Lewis at the Green Team table in the Roosevelt Center plaza.

Lewis will lead a short walk to the three-bin hot composting station near the Aquatic Center, where food waste from the Co-op Supermarket is transformed into compost wormfood, followed by a visit to the worm condos behind the New Deal Café, where worms supercharge that compost.

# Monday Meet-Ups With Homeschoolers

Every Monday, Greenbelt homeschoolers will meet up from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Schrom Hills Park, weather permitting, beginning Monday, September 13.

These meet-ups offer free play and social support for families. Bring a bag lunch if desired.

All are welcome.



# GCAN Reviews Summer Progress

The September virtual meeting of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will take place on Wednesday, September 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. The Zoom link is available at chears.org/gcan. This month, there will be a series of brief progress reports on priority issues that have been followed, including:

- Federal Budget Reconciliation Plan: report on the August lobby visit with House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer to discuss ending fossil fuel subsidies and refining the Clean Energy Payment Program portion of the bill.
- County Climate Action Plan: final draft to be submitted in September
- School Board Climate Change Action Plan
- Greenbelt city goals for greenhouse gas reductions: discussions with GreenACES committee
- 495/270 Highway Expansion Plan fights
- Maglev: multiple attempts
- PG-NAACP: new committee on environment and climate instice
- Maryland Legislative Coalition, Climate Justice Wing: early plans for January General Assembly Session
- PG Sierra Club Compost Team: plans to educate and encourage 27 local municipalities to begin compost programs in their towns
- Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act: campaign strategy for this federal legislation.

There will be something of interest to everyone.

As always, the meeting will close with an overview of upcoming events. See chears.org/gcan/monthly-meetings/upcoming-events. This calendar will be updated prior to the meeting.

For more information, or to suggest events that should be added to the calendar, email Lore Rosenthal at Simplicity-GroupsMD@gmail.com or call her at 301-345-2234 (landline, no text).

# Both Local Volunteers, Blood Donors Needed

Appointments are available for a blood drive at the Community Center on Friday, October 15 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. Register at redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive. Walk-ins are not permitted during the ongoing pandemic, so register early for an appointment to make a life-giving donation.

The Red Cross needs new volunteers to support disaster shelters, both for registration, etc., and to address people's health needs and provide hands-on care. If you are an RN, LPN, LVN, APRN, NP, EMT, paramedic, MD/DO or PA with a current and unencumbered license, this position could be right for you.

Blood and platelet donors are needed. Eligible donors can help overcome the critical need for blood and ensure blood is readily available by making an appointment to give by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

# CHEARS to Hold Garden Workshop

CHEARS Three Sisters Garden Workshop: Preparing for a Fall and Spring Vegetable Garden will be held on Saturday, September 11 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Three Sisters Demonstration Garden behind the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, next to the flag pole.

Yes, there's currently a heat wave and spring is far away, but there are benefits to growing food in the fall and preparing for the upcoming spring. CHEARS volunteers will host a sprinkleor-shine in-person workshop with Judy Walsh-Mellet, a Mount Rainier resident and lifelong gardener/master gardener extraordinaire, who will be sharing some tips about how and when to get started on steps that will make for a successful fall garden and, if there's time, how to prepare for next year's spring garden. A O&A will follow if time allows.

Consider biking or walking to the Community Center or if driving, park at either the Community Center or the Roosevelt Center main parking lot. Since seating is at a minimum, bring a chair or blanket and of course water. Moderate to heavy rains will cancel this event. For more details, email Joe Robbins at robbins629@msn.com.

# Three Sisters Garden Holds Poetry Reading

On Sunday, September 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. enjoy a poetry reading at Three Sisters Garden-East in Schrom Hills Park. Tour and relax in the garden before joining the poetry reading group. Bring a favorite poem or just enjoy listening to others. Bring a chair as seating may be limited.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

# Arts Advisory Board Meets Sept. 7

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, September 7 at 7 p.m. Weather permitting, the meeting will take place outdoors at the Three Sisters Garden in Schrom Hills Park, located at 6915 Hanover Parkway. (Bring your own seating.) In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on Zoom. Topics will include proposed updates to recognition group policies and procedures. For additional information, email Nicole DeWald at ndewald@ greenbeltmd.gov or call 301-474-8000, Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

# Festival of Lights Call for Artists

Artists, artisans, authors, illustrators and nonprofit groups are invited to apply through Friday, September 10 to participate in the Greenbelt Recreation annual Juried Art and Craft Fair. Conditions permitting, the show will be held in person at the Community Center on December 4 and 5, and also online from November 26 through December 19. Vendors may participate on-site, online or both. The show features original wares created by participating artists. Media typically span a wide range from wood, glass, ceramic and metalwork to wall art, fiber arts, toys, books and edible goods. Kit crafts and imported crafts are not permitted, and additional restrictions apply. Information and applications are linked at greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

# **HUG WALK Returns**

RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) is again organizing the annual HUG WALK (Help Unite Greenbelt With A Little Kindness) to be held on Sunday, October 10, rain or shine.

Any group that wishes to join more than 40 civic, social and religious groups that are already co-sponsoring the event should contact RUAK at spreadruak@gmail.com or Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755 by September 26.



# Greenbelt Access Television Sep 3, Fri – Sep 9, Thu

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**Greenbelt Newsreel Local Community Programming Democracy Now!** Yesterday's Syndicated Program **GATe Classic Film** 9am Our Daily Bread • King Vidor **Greenbelt** Labor Day Video Archive Follows FILM on the half hour 11am **Greenbelt Newsreel Local Community Programming Democracy Now! Today's Syndicated Program PGCPS Science Bowl** 1pm Hyattsville v Whitehall Music at the New Deal 2pm **Foggy Bottom Whomp Stompers GATe Classic Film** Our Daily Bread • King Vidor **Greenbelt** Labor Day Video Archive Follows FILM on the half hour **PGCPS Science Bowl** Hyattsville v Whitehall **Local Community Programming Greenbelt Newsreel Today's Syndicated Program** 7pm **Democracy Now! GATe Classic Film Our Daily Bread • King Vidor** Follows FILM on the half hour **Greenbelt** Labor Day Video Archive Music at the New Deal **Foggy Bottom Whomp Stompers Democracy Now!** 11pm **Today's Syndicated Program Greenbelt Newsreel Local Community Programming** 

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golden berries. Related to a tomatillo, the golden berry is a small round orange fruit that grows inside a fine papery husk on a cucumber-like vine close to the ground. Also called a "ground cherry" or "husk cherry," it thrives locally and has a musky, cantaloupe flavor.

Delicious fresh figs were also shared. Fig trees are growing at each of Greenbelt's Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens, located at the Community Center, Schrom Hills Park and, of course, Franklin Park. Maggie Cahalan noted, "The Community Center tree is loaded with figs." She explained, "The metaphor of the Three Sisters (corn, beans and squash) was chosen because each of these plants contributes something different, but when planted together they are stronger - hence the three neighborhoods of Greenbelt each are different but when together as community the whole is stronger." The goal is to demonstrate permaculture, organic land care and provide a space for uniting the center, east and west areas of Greenbelt.

Although the pawpaws growing in the grove were not yet ripe, Bob Cahalan pointed out that "you can pick it before it's ripe, and ripen it inside a paper bag with a banana." The pawpaw trees were able to withstand flooding that damaged other plantings in the Food Forest. Pawpaws are North America's largest native fruit. Nearby native persimmon trees have not yet begun to produce fruit.

After the tastings, volunteers helped pull porcelain berry vines off the American cranberry bushes. Porcelain berry vines are related to grapes, with similar leaves, but the berries are a shocking robin's egg blue and are not good to eat. Volunteers who would like to help with planting and maintaining the Food Forest



From left, Maggie Cahalan and Carolyn Lambright-Davis of CHEARS with Shaymar Higgs give a fruit tasting under a pawpaw tree at Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Sunday, August 29.

should email maggie@chears. org to find out how to help, or lambrightdavis@yahoo.com specifically to help at Franklin Park.

Many plants are successfully flourishing in the Food Forest, initially planned in 2013-14, including pawpaws, American cranberry, fig, bush cherries, linden, blackberries, bayberry, ostrich fern, persimmon, Nanking cherry, Joel bush cherry, blueberry and raspberries. This fall, CHEARS will schedule workdays to replant some varieties that were lost due to soggy conditions (for example, hazelnuts), to be replaced by hardier varieties for those conditions, possibly fox grapes, as well as thornless blackberries, persimmons, elderberries, gooseberries,

chestnuts and additional Nanking cherry. "We have a lot of trees and shrubs from our seed project," Maggie Cahalan said. The Three Sisters Gardens and Food Forest are meant to be demonstration projects, but anyone can pick the food, or it can be eaten by animals. "Two hazelnut trees that CHEARS planted in Schrom Hills are now producing hazelnuts," she said.

CHEARS also announced the availability of fall cover crop seeds (radish, clover, buckwheat, rye and milkweed) and edible tree and shrub seedlings including pawpaw, persimmon, elderberry, gooseberry, blackberry, Chinese chestnut, bristly locust and black cherry.

The Bible Says...

"If you keep My (Jesus) commandments, you will rest in My love." John 15:10



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Whoever you are

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and wherever you are

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**IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services** 10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School

MCFcc.org

This Sunday's Sermon

on Facebook Live

Sunday at 10:15

Singing for Joy

ltcommunitychurch.org

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gather VIRTUALLY for Liturgy of the Word Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!** 

For ZOOM link:

FDeBernardo@aol.com

# Greenbelt **BAPTIST** CHURCH

Christ-centered **Biblical** 

& Reformed

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am

Sunday School 9:15am

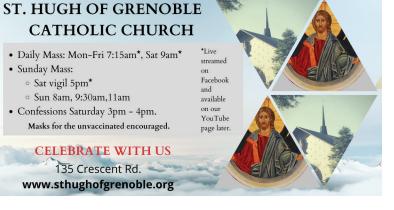
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm

101 Greenhill Rd. Greenbelt, MD www.greenbeltbaptist.org









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various games, activities and entertainment events throughout the Festival. On Monday, the Labor Day Parade will begin at 10 a.m., followed by Bingo on the lawn in front of the Community Center.

There will be no carnival rides this year, and there will be only two booths: the police and information booths, both near the Municipal Building. Throughout the weekend there will be food trucks in the nearby parking lot: Simple Pleasures, Big D's Wings, Good to Da Bone BBQ, Little Italy Sausage Company, Funnel Fare, MMpanadas, PKG's Mobile Kitchen and Jammin Flava.

Jane Young is a member of the Labor Day Festival Committee.



Public Works staff prepares a few Labor Day Festival booths on Tuesday, August 31. Jan Salvacion, left, and Michael Barnes attach the railing to the booth near the Municipal Building.



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# **Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church** 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors Find us on facebook.com/mowattumc 301-474-9410

**Reverend Rivera, Pastor** 

In-Person Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Look for us at the Labor Day Parade

"Shut your eyes to estrangement, then fix your gaze upon unity. Cleave tenaciously unto that which will lead to the well-being and tranquillity of all mankind. This span of earth is but one homeland and one habitation." - Bahá'u'lláh



# Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

www.greenbeltbahais.org

# Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Rabbi Saul Oresky, Cantor Phil Greenfield

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Friday evening services at 8:00pm Saturday morning services at 10:00am All services and activities are currently virtual For further information, call (301) 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org

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## September 5 10 a.m. **Personal Stories of Transformation**

Tricia Most

Zoom video at https://zoom.us/j/93495780708

We launch our September worship theme of 'Transition' by hearing personal stories from a number of Paint Branchers.

September's theme: Transitions



Condolences to News Review staffer Melissa Sites, Ian Rogers and Jamie Rogers-Sites on the death of Melissa's mother Nancy Mowery Sites on August 31.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@ greenbeltnewsreview.com.

# At the Library

Greenbelt Library open hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sidewalk service for held books is available outside the upper-level entrance (pickup reservation required), or requested books can be picked up on the shelves inside the library, as before. Study rooms are open but meeting rooms remain closed.

Appointments for one hour of computer use can be made up to seven days in advance at pgcmls. info/reopening or 240-455-5451; some computers may be available with no appointments. Shelved books are open for browsing without restrictions, no appointments required.

## **Mobile Printing, Hotspots**

The library offers mobile printing to the public. The first 10 black-and-white pages are free. More information is available at pgcmls.info/mobileprinting.

Families can borrow mobile hotspot devices for up to nine weeks at a time. Adults aged 18 and older with library cards in good standing may request a SmartSpot through the curbside booking form. One device per household may be borrowed.

# **Learning Resources**

Brainfuse HelpNow offers an array of additional learning resources for Prince Georgians, including SkillSurfer, a library of lessons, videos, tests and more, available year-round. The library also helps students prepare for standardized tests and writing college admissions essays through the EBSCO LearningExpress online resource. Check pgcmls. info/events regularly for related programming.

# Kickstart One's Career This Fall with PGCMLS

Join the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) four-part Career Kickstart series on Wednesdays in September from 6 to 8 p.m. to gain valuable skills necessary to achieve employment in the public workforce. Learn basic job searching skills, résumé writing, digital media literacy, as well as how to establish a growth mindset for immediate and future success in the workplace.

Here are the topics for each session of the series:

September 8 - discovery and job search, including hot jobs September 15 - résumés and

interviewing skills

September 22 - digital media

September 29 - executive functioning and adopting a growth mindset.

Registration is required. Sessions can be attended individually; however, a certificate of completion will be sent to registrants who attend all sessions.

# City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

### **VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 6-10**

Monday, September 6: No Meeting-Labor Day

Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m., ARTS ADVISORY BOARD at Schrom Hills Park, Three Sisters Garden, 6915 Hanover Parkway. On the Agenda: Agenda and Minutes Approval, Discussion of Recognition Group Policy and Procedural Updates.

Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m., PUBLIC SAFETY ADVI-SORY COMMITTEE. On the Agenda: Discussion of July 14, 2021 Council Work Session, Discussion of Roadside Signage.

Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00pm, MAGLEV TASK FORCE, On the Agenda: Open Discussion, Updates, Brainstorming Ways to Build Support for the "No Build" Option.

Wednesday, September 8 at 8:00 p.m., COUNCIL WORK **SESSION** re: Celebration of Centenarians and Community Gardens (tentative), Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/munici-

Thursday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m., BOARD OF ELECTIONS On the Agenda: Approval of Agenda and Minutes.

Thursday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m., COMMUNITY RELA-TIONS ADVISORY BOARD. On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Open Floor, Debrief from Community/Police Forums, Discuss Draft Festival of Lights Recommendations.

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use Video Relay Services (VRS) at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

# **CITY ELECTION INFORMATION ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED**

The City of Greenbelt Board of Elections is seeking several residents who would be willing to serve as election officials on November 2, 2021, from 6 a.m. until about 9 p.m. Clerks must also attend a training session on November 1 from 7 p.m. until about 9 p.m.

This is a rewarding experience for anyone who is interested in the political process and would like to play an active role in the local election. There is a stipend of \$175 plus a training fee of \$25.

There may also be a need for additional clerks to count mail-in and early voting ballots. This job would entail working for three to four hours in the late afternoon/early evening of November 2. No preliminary training is necessary. The pay for mail-in and early voting ballot clerks is \$50.

Application forms are available at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road by APPOINTMENT ONLY and on the City website www. greenbeltmd.gov. The deadline to apply is September 24, 2021.

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or e-mail elections@greenbeltmd.gov.

## **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CITY ELECTION MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021**

Greenbelt residents are reminded that to participate in the 2021 City Council election—whether as a voter, a candidate for City Council, or a signer of a petition for a candi--you must be qualified to vote in Prince George's County.

To register, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States of America
- Be at least 16 years of age
- Be domiciled within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt as of the date of registration
- Not have been convicted of a felony, or if you have, you have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation for the conviction
- Not be under guardianship for mental disability

# **VOTER REGISTRATION**

For information about registering to vote in Prince George's County, contact the County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 or visit www.elections.state.md.us. Forms for voter registration and address and name change are available on the city website, www.areenbeltmd.aov.

All forms must be received by the County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, October 4.

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or elections@greenbeltmd.gov.

If you are already registered to vote in Prince George's County but have moved or changed your name since the last election, you must complete an application to have this information changed. \*This can also be done online at www.elections.state.md.us.

# APPLY FOR A DOG PARK PERMIT

The dog park is for the use and enjoyment of all residents and non-residents of Greenbelt, with a valid permit only. You must pay a fee and submit a Dog Park Use Application before using the facility. All permits must be renewed annually, each application has an expiration date listed on the form.

For more information visit greenbeltmd.gov/dogpark

For city information, meetings, events, services and more visit www.greenbeltmd.gov



# **Fall Activity Guide Now** Available Online!

Registration begins on Monday, August 23 for Greenbelt Residents Classes begin the week of September 6, 2021

Explore our Activity Guide for lots of options for all ages and interests. We offer seasonal special events and varied recreation facilities and classes to provide opportunities for community celebrations, a chance to learn something new or improve your skills in an activity you enjoy, all while socializing and staying active!

For more information, please visit our Virtual Recreation Center online at greenbeltmd.gov/recreation or give us a call at 301-397-2200.



City Offices will be closed Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

# REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of September 6 Monday Route - Collected Tuesday Tuesday Route - Collected Wednesday Wednesday Route - Collected Thursday Thursday Route - Collected Friday

There will be no appliance/metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, September 10



# **Calls for Artists**

Apply through September 10 for Greenbelt Recreation's annual Juried Art and Craft Fair on December 4th and 5th.

Apply through September 17 for the fall Open Studio Tour on October 3rd.

Both events: hybrid format! Participate in person, online or both. Information and links at: www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

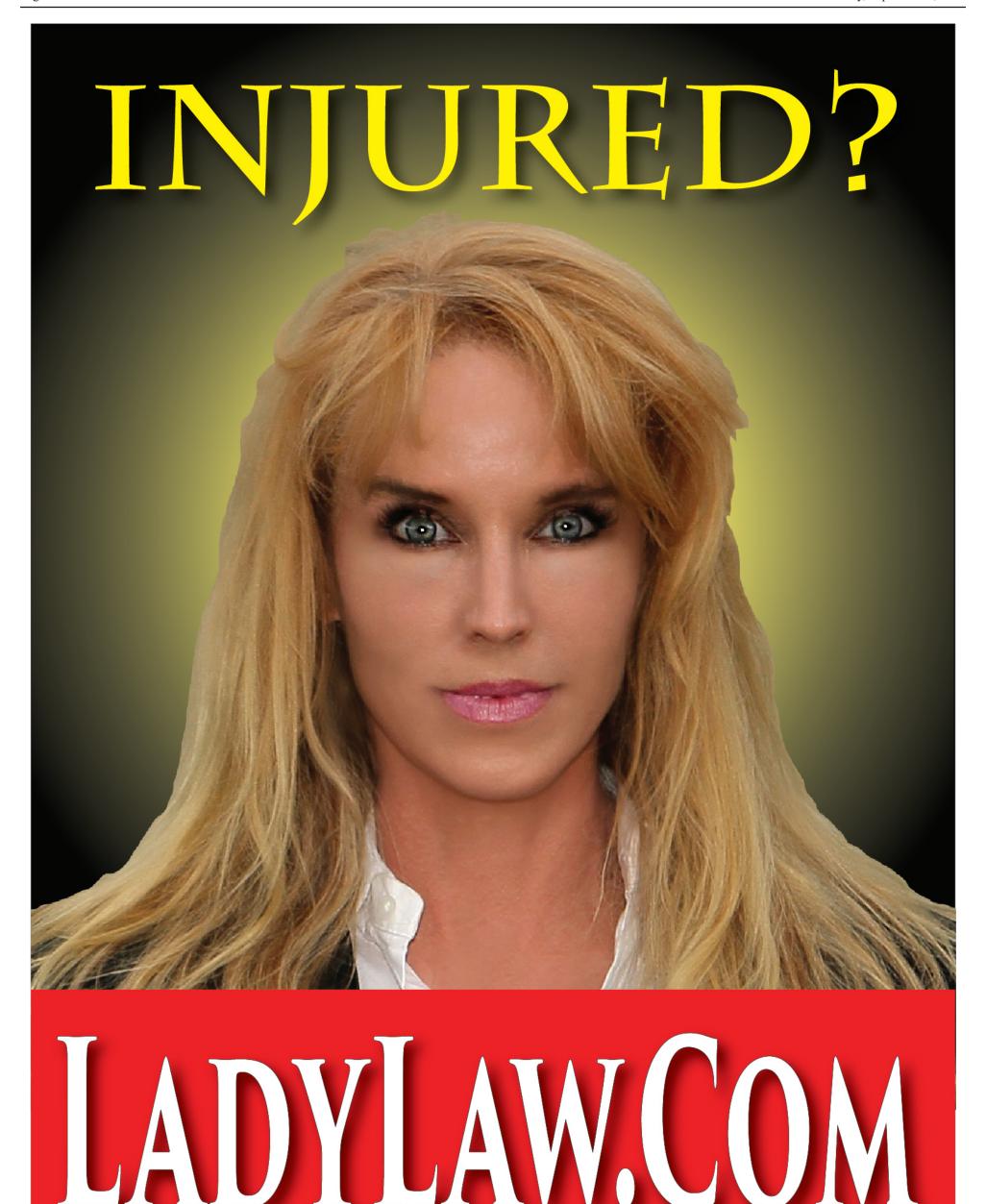
# **VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

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- Park & Recreation Advisory Board Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

For more information call 301- 474-8000



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# Apartment Flood Victims Ask for Help from Council

by Matthew Arbach

Residents Carol and Walter Johnson and Lisa Stephens are struggling to recover their lives after the catastrophic flooding on August 9 of their units at the Parke Crescent Apartments. Neighbor Priscilla Weeks, who has a unit above, has also found her home to be nearly unlivable due to the stench of mold that grew during days of standing water in the flooded apartments. These residents, as well as others involved, shared their traumatic stories with the Greenbelt City Council on Monday, August 23. Details of the event were described in an article in the August 19 News Review.

Council was deeply sorry for the incident, and adamant that it should never have happened, as an identical event affected the same residents in 2018. They stressed that the apartments should never have been rented again.

Walter Johnson related that he has not been able to re-renter his apartment to assess the damage to his belongings, as the apartment has been closed up in 96-degree heat with no functioning AC for two weeks. He and his wife now reside in a hotel, which is a drain on their resources, and are looking to relocate to Baltimore.

Stephens, displaced from her home for a second time, has also experienced devastation to her belongings, which were boxed after the retreat of the water. She has been living with a friend and is uncertain where she will reside in the future.

Walter Johnson explained that the rental insurance policy that he was forced to sign stipulated no financial restitution from the event. Council was keen to explore the possible illegalities of this policy.

City Attorney Todd Pounds, who has been a liaison to these residents, described the downhill, bottleneck layout of the affected area, which led to the accumulation of the stormwater. Public Works Director Jim Sterling determined that the drainpipe in the impacted area was working at full capacity. Councilmember Rodney Roberts advised a video analysis of the drain to be certain.

The Johnsons, Stephens and Weeks expressed their frustration with the lack of accountability and uncertainty where the responsibility lies in addressing and alleviating the situation – whether it is the county, city or property owners. The residents appealed to council to advocate for them in their negotiations with the property owners, something council was focused on doing.

The consensus of the meeting was that a confluence of the property ownership, the city and the county are required to redress this issue fully.







Flooding at 51 Crescent Road reached Walter Johnson's waist after the heavy rains on August 9.

City Manager Nicole Ard said that she would reach out to the city Code Enforcement to assist with repairs and the county's Health Department to assess the situation and would connect these residents with local organizations that can help them recover. Pounds advised that the county's Rent Escrow process can hold owners accountable to return a unit to livability, which the city is now assisting the residents

with. Councilmember Silke Pope recommended possible assistance from Greenbelt CARES.

Neighbor Jennifer Moore echoed the sentiment of the meeting by saying that it is time for the property owners to address their "negligence" in this matter, asking for pressure from the city and county, because at the moment, "no one's holding them to the fire."

# BALLOTS continued from page 1

Voters who request mail-in ballots by mail should also be aware that no ballots will be sent out or distributed prior to Friday, October 8. Applications must reach the city clerk no later than noon on Monday, November 1. To be counted, ballots must be received by the city clerk no later than 6 p.m. on Election Day, November 2.

While the city and county are both strongly encouraging voters to take advantage of the availability of mail-in voting, there is no pressure to do so. All of what

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have come to be thought of as Greenbelt's usual voting methods will be available as well, including a number of sites for early voting and for in-person voting at one's precinct on Election Day. Information on those dates and locations will be published in a later issue of this paper.





# Baltimore City Judge Rules Against BWRR: Appeal Likely

by Donna Hoffmeister

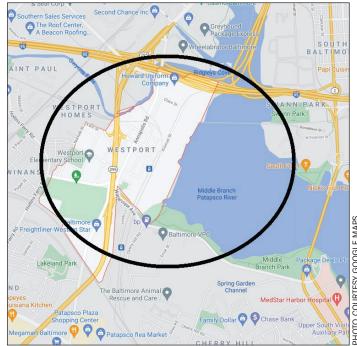
On August 30, Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge Kendra Ausby denied the maglev builder's attempt to condemn property in the Baltimore neighborhood of Westport, property that is critical to all versions of the planned maglev connection between Washington and Baltimore. Ausby dismissed the eminent domain case after a 30-minute hearing. Lawyers for the maglev builders, Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail (BWRR), said they will appeal the decision.

The land in question, which is south and west of Baltimore and runs along the Patapsco River, is owned by Stonewall Capital, a Monkton-based company. Their attorneys explained that Stonewall is planning a redo of the Westport waterfront neighborhood and filed a brief arguing that BWRR does not have condemna-

tion power and if it did, then it is time-barred under state law from exercising that authority. Namely, it has been more than four years since the Baltimore City Council approved a transfer of a railroad franchise to BWRR. They argued further that the company needs to get additional approval from the Maryland Public Service Commission and the Baltimore City Council to use condemnation power, which it does not have.

Ausby agreed with the Stone-wall attorneys and dismissed BWRR's action to condemn the property in Westport for use in building the maglev in that area. The judge said further that the maglev is not "an actual railroad." It has wheels that lift like that of a plane.

Amy Hansen contributed to this report.



Both proposed maglev routes go through the Westport neighborhood of Baltimore and the Baltimore City Circuit Court judge just ruled the project does not have eminent domain.

# Independent Analysis of Maglev Ridership

...Just Published

In January, the Federal Railroad Administration released its ridership forecast for the proposed Baltimore-Washington magley, but the agency has withheld from the public the contractor report that calculated this forecast. For this reason, you want to read Owen Kelley's just published 92-page independent analysis. He shows that the official ridership forecast is suspiciously high, meaning

Ridership Revisited:
The Official Ridership Forecast
for the Proposed
Baltimore-Washington Maglev
Is a Factor of Ten Too High

Owen A. Kelley

that the maglev would do little to address the region's transportation needs.

Selley's analysis can be purchased online and at the craft fair to be held this Sunday afternoon, September 5 at the Roosevelt Center as part of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. For more information and for a preview of Kelley's two new books, visit https://www.greenbeltonline.org/okelley.

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# Franklin Park's Annual Back To School Event Was Fun

by Denise Knight



Franklin Park Back to School Pep Rally

On Tuesday, August 24, volunteers and sponsors comprised of Franklin Park residents, Reid Temple AME Church, Community Officer Sharnice Hawkins-Graham, Minority Access Group, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) and Kids Go Round Store gathered for Franklin Park's Second Annual Back to School Pep Rally.

Over 100 backpacks were dis-

tributed. Close to 400 residents received additional school supplies such as Chromebooks, free reading books, uniform vouchers, headphones, gift cards, masks and more. The effort made a huge difference and impacted many homes as youths prepare to go back to in-person learning.

The aim of the event was not just to donate supplies but to provide an avenue to get the community excited about the upcoming school year. This was achieved by setting up fun challenge stations incorporating math, spelling and Minute to Win It activities, as well as a STEM section to get students into school mode. Positive feedback was received, as well as recommendations to make 2022's event even bigger and better.

# SCHOOL continued from page 1

age 12 and over, with parental consent required. Contact your child's school or the Office of School Health at 301-749-4722 or email healthservices@pgcps.org.

#### Meals

Meals are free for all students this school year. Meals will be individually prepackaged and distributed and served either in the cafeteria or in a space determined by school administration. Families are still encouraged to complete the meal benefit application.

Family Access Portal

PGCPS provides a family Access Portal that allows authorized caregivers to log into School MAX and view their child's student information, including current attendance records and assignment scores. Go to pgcps.org for more information.



Greenbelt Elementary School faculty meet on Friday, August 27 to plan the school year, and (below) the PTA offers breakfast for the faculty and staff.

- Photos courtesy Greenbelt Elementary School

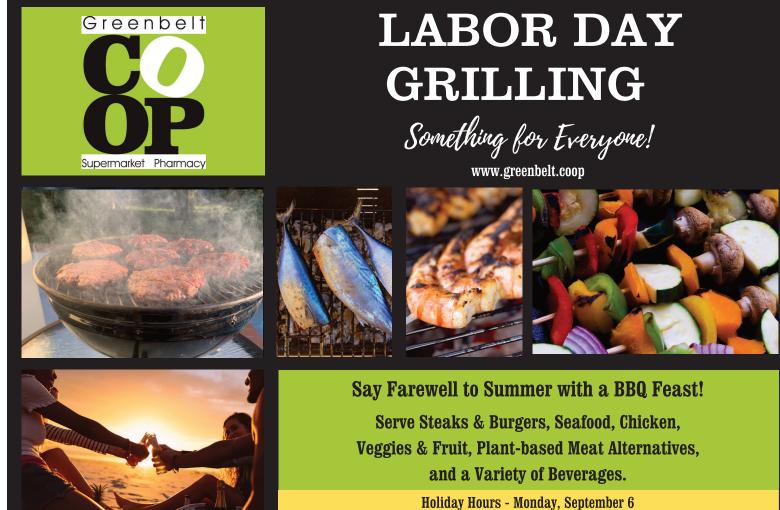


# County Has Rent Help

Prince George's County is offering rent relief because of Covid-19. The county's 2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Program will help eligible applicants with payment assistance for rent and utilities. Landlords may also apply on behalf of their tenants. Applications will be accepted until funds are out. To apply and for more information visit hcd. mypgc.us and click "Emergency Rental Assistance Program."







Store Hours: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Pharmacy Closed.

# **Police Blotter**

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

August 19, 11:01 p.m., 6223 Springhill Court. A person was robbed at gunpoint.

August 21, 4:44 p.m., 6000 Breezewood Drive. A person was assaulted and property was taken.

#### Assault

August 19, 10:55 p.m., 7511 Greenbelt Road. Disorderly patrons at Chevy's pepper-sprayed two employees and fled.

#### **Theft**

August 20, 7:35 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. Cash was stolen from Super Beauty at Beltway

August 22, 4:32 p.m., 6105 Breezewood Court. A package delivered to this address was stolen. **Disorderly Conduct** 

August 22, 7:26 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. One person at Beltway Plaza was arrested for disorderly conduct.

### **Trespassing**

August 19, 5:53 p.m., 5707 Cherrywood Lane. Officers responded to the Shell Food Mart regarding an individual who was drinking alcohol and panhandling. A criminal citation was issued to him.

### **Shoplifting**

August 19, 9:52 p.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. Property was stolen from AutoZone.

August 20, 5:45 p.m., 7595 Greenbelt Road. Property was stolen from Safeway.

August 20, 8:08 p.m., 6180 Greenbelt Road. Property was stolen from Kids Go Round at Beltway Plaza.

August 21, 6:09 p.m., Shoplifting occurred at Burlington Coat Factory and one person was

August 22, 8:06 p.m., 7429 Greenbelt Road. Two people stole property from DTLR at Greenway Center.

## Vandalism

August 23, 7:35 p.m., 15 Crescent Road. A glass door was damaged.

August 25, 10 a.m., 6925 Hanover Parkway. Graffiti was placed on a message board at Schrom Hills Park.

### **Vehicle Crime**

Three vehicles were stolen. A 2001 Ford Econoline Van with Maryland tags 7AH6954 was taken from 5510 Cherrywood Lane on August 20; a 2020 silver Ford Fusion with Virginia tags UML4810 was taken from 6104 Breezewood Court on August 22; and a 2020 Chevrolet Suburban with New York tags KMA4213 was taken from 7821 Mandan Road on August 23.

Front and rear Virginia license plates UME7409 were taken from 7821 Mandan Road on August

A handicap placard was stolen after a window was broken to gain access.

Vandals broke a windshield and scratched the driver's door at 9332 Edmonston Road.

Four tires were slashed, four windows were broken and damage was done to one vehicle at 9003 Breezewood Terrace.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.



The Sonneveldt family took a vacation a few weeks ago in Hawaii, bringing along the News Review. They celebrated a college graduation, two birthdays, an anniversary and an engagement, all except the graduation on days within the actual two-week vacation. Photo was taken at Manoa Falls, Oahu, Hawaii on July 20 in the pouring rain. Pictured are Betty, Bob, Steffan and wife Juliet, grandchildren Camren, Kyle and Katie Sonneveldt, Katie Dashiell (now fiancée of Kyle) and Dayla LaRoque, girlfriend of Camren.

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Emergency responders discuss the crash at Westway and Lakeside on Sunday, August 29.

building]," Sagan said, explaining the police had been concerned they would need to evacuate the in the wall has been covered with entire building.

Sagan said no charges were filed against the driver. The hole plywood.



**Chief Richard Bowers, right, congratulates Master Patrol** Officer Jonathan Lowndes on Monday, August 30, on his retirement from Greenbelt Police Department after more than 20 years of service.

# Reward for Information Regarding Incident 9.2.18 Greenbelt, MD related to Paulinette Bedran

am Belinda Williams, the mother of Paulinette Bedran, who was affectionately known as Precious and Paula to so many of her family and friends.

September 2 is the 3-year Anniversary of when my beautiful daughter Paulinette Bedran lost her life in 2018. My precious loving daughter, Paula, was 29 years old

when she was struck and killed by two vehicles at 4:23 a.m. at the ramp of South Bound MD Route 201 to East Bound Route 193 in Greenbelt, Maryland. I am close to knowing the details of exactly what happened to her on that tragic morning.

If anyone was with her or has any information or details about the night of September 1, 2018 and the morning of September 2, 2018, please send email to Justicecall31@gmail.com or send information to P. O. Box 47813 District Heights, MD 20747.

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# ERHS Girls Soccer Navigates Thunder Storms, Pandemic; Building a Team

by Patrick Gleason

Despite complications from the pandemic and an especially stormy August, the pieces of the puzzle are starting to fall into place for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Raiders girls soccer team. Looming lightning strikes cut their final scrimmage against Bethesda-Chevy Chase short, and thunderstorms have forced several practices indoors, but the Raiders enter the regular season confident and ready to improve. Although Roosevelt returns only five healthy players who have competed in a full varsity season before (junior Maya Miller and senior Man Lun suffered seasonending injuries before tryouts even began) the team is excited to return to the field and slowly piece together their puzzle. Senior goalkeeper Isabela Martins leads a promising Roosevelt defense that returning juniors Sarai DeSouza and Grace Zack help solidify, while returners Sophie Swart and Julia Beckmann will catalyze the Raider offense.

But it is the mixture of new talent that will dictate success this fall as Roosevelt replaces 15 graduated seniors from the classes of 2020 and 2021. Former junior varsity standouts Mia Hamilton and Azinwi McKinney will add to the Raiders' defensive identity, along with Victoria Obisesan, a sophomore who lost her freshmen season to the pandemic. Freshmen revelations Jada Savage and Sadie Swart - sister to senior Sophie – will be fundamental in the Raiders' goal to increase their speed of play, while senior Ameena Khan and Kaia Booker are also varsity newcomers who will strengthen the Raider midfield. Junior Ariana Phillips has proved dynamic thus far, despite returning from an ACL injury suffered during the 2019 basketball season. Phillips, the leading junior varsity (JV) goal scorer from 2019, will work with Charlesima James to help Sophie Swart shoulder the scoring load.

Meanwhile, Kamilla Yokley is the only returning member of a JV squad that conceded zero goals during a perfect 2019 season. Freshmen Alyssa Casey, Rayhanna Mani and Arianna Casalini have excelled in the Roosevelt JV midfield thus far, while Gabriella Martinez and Nikki Lilja highlight the team's defense, and Keiry Salmeron scored the team's first goal during their scrimmage at Southern High School. After completing their scrimmage schedule, the Raiders are ready to work.

The varsity team begins with Saturday morning games at the Montgomery Blair Tournament on September 4; both teams travel



Seniors Sophie Swart and Genesis Richards (white shirts) defend during their season opening scrimmage at Southern High School.

- Photos by Bill Swart

Below, Kamilla Yokley dribbles as teammate Olivia Gills defends and Keiry Salmeron looks on during a Roosevelt scrimmage on August 23.



Junior Ariana Phillips passes as senior Sophie Swart contributes to the Raider attack against High Point High School.



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to Oakland Mills on Thursday, September 9 and then play their home opener on Monday, September 13. By then, more pieces should have fallen into place.

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# Greenbelt Labor Day Festival

Friday, September 3 - Monday September 6, 2021

All events, times, and locations are subject to change. Follow the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.



# Friday, September 3

Hot Shot Basketball Contest & 2 Ball **Tournament for Youth** 

City of Greenbelt Recreation Department Youth Center Gym

# **Greenbelt Elementary PTA Used Book**

This year, the sale is in a hybrid format. Like last year, there will be a number of neighborhood yard sales (map) on Saturday. There will also be sales tables in Roosevelt Center at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, though not as in past years. Visit the PTA Labor Day Book Sale website for complete and up-to-date information.

**Table Tennis Tournament- Adults** City of Greenbelt Recreation Department Youth Center

6:00-9:00 PM **Food Trucks** 

# 6:30-7:15PM

**Opening Ceremonies** 

Police and color guard. The national anthem will be sung by Melissa Sites. Introduction of dignitaries. Presentation of Outstanding Citizen Award, the major civic event in Greenbelt each year, honoring all the outstanding citizens who make Greenbelt great. Stage

# 7:15PM

#### Community Drum Circle with Katy Gaughan

Gather together at the stage to join in the fun of the joyous vibrations of the drum. Participants will connect with one another and make music together! No experience necessary. All ages welcome. Drums will be provided for participants, although you are welcome to bring your own.

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Saturday, September 4 11:00AM-9:00PM Food Trucks

12:00-7:00PM (RAIN DATE Sunday) Greenbelt Elementary PTA Used Book

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### 9:30-10:30AM Children's Pet Show

All kinds, types, sizes of pets. Bring your pet to register at 9:30am. Judging at 10am. Awards at 10:30am. Greenbelt's greatest pets get some well-deserved attention. Rain or Shine

Community Center Lawn

#### 10:00AM **Diaper Derby- Crawlers and Toddlers** City of Greenbelt Recreation Department Braden Field

10:45AM 3-Legged Race City of Greenbelt Recreation Department

# 10:00AM-4:00PM

Braden Field

**Information Day & Community Exhibits** Visit the information and display tables set up by local groups and learn about your community.

Roosevelt Center

# 11:00AM

Water Balloon Toss

City of Greenbelt Recreation Department Braden Field

# 11:30AM

**Pie Eating Contest** 

City of Greenbelt Recreation Department Braden Field

# 12:00-2:00PM

Live Performance - The Relics

# 1:00-4:00PM

Balloon Art with the Tea Fairy Roving

Scavenger Hunt – Youth, Adult, Families City of Greenbelt Recreation Department Braden Field

# 2:00PM

# **Compost Tour**

Join master composter Danny Lewis to tour composting operations in the center of Greenbelt. Danny will lead a short walk to the 3-bin hot composting station near the Aquatic Center, where food waste from the Co-op Supermarket is transformed into compost wormfood, followed by a visit to the worm condos behind the New Deal Cafe, where worms supercharge that compost. You will learn about hot composting, worm composting, and how volunteers are recycling organic waste from the food co-op and, coming very soon, food scraps from the New Deal Café as well. Meet Danny at the Green Team Information table.

# Roosevelt Center

### 6:00PM Memorial Gathering

Come to honor those friends and relatives who have passed. Please feel free to bring flowers to lay on the hill during the memorial service.

Grassy area behind Mother and Child

# Sunday, September 5

"Tour de Greenbelt" Bike Ride City of Greenbelt Recreation Department Join Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan along with Jeff and Laurie Lemieux from Proteus Bicycles on a bike ride around Greenbelt. The ride will take place in two stages, both starting at the New Deal

The first stage will leave at 9AM and go down Crescent Road, across Kenilworth Avenue, and over the Beltway to the Greenbelt Station neighborhood in Greenbelt West, and then back to the New Deal Cafe.

The second stage will leave at approximately 10am and cross the Spellman overpass, go through Eleanor Roosevelt HS, across Greenbelt Road at the pedestrian signal and down to Schrom Hills park, returning to the New Deal Cafe via Hanover Parkway.

Note, this is not a supported ride, although we will take an easy pace. Most of the ride will be in bike lanes but there will be some riding in traffic, such as on Crescent Road, so it might not be suitable for families with very young children riding solo. It's a great way to explore commuting around Greenbelt by bike! Helmets are required! Please make sure that your bike is in working order and your tires are inflated. Don't have a bike? Rent one from our Capital Bikeshare stations.

## New Deal Cafe

#### 10:00AM Egg/Spoon Race

City of Greenbelt Recreation Department Braden Field

# 10:15AM

Sack Race

City of Greenbelt Recreation Department Braden Field

# 10:30AM

# **Badminton**

City of Greenbelt Recreation Department Braden Field

#### 11:30AM Water Relay

City of Greenbelt Recreation Department

# Braden Field

12:00-9:00PM **Food Trucks** 



# 12:00-8:00PM

Craft Fair

Visit with local artists as they display and sell their handmade crafts. Roosevelt Center, 109 Centerway Drive, Greenbelt Md 20770

# 12:00-4:00PM

Zipline and Climbing Wall (Donations Appreciated)

For the thrill seeker in all of us, experience the rush of the most exciting mobile Zipline in the world. Zip 28' in the air up to 100'. The 26' solid Rock Wall provides the same level of experience found in natural outdoor cliffs, but this one comes to Greenbelt!!! NOTE: Weight restrictions. Adults must sign waiver. Children will need parents in attendance to sign waiver.

1:00-4:00PM **Bubbles with the Tea Fairy** Near Stage

## Sunday, September 5 Continued

1:00-4:00PM

# Greenbelt Museum Retro Town Fair

Greenbelt Museum

The Greenbelt Museum Retro Town Fair is much like those the earliest Greenbelters enjoyed starting back in 1939. Ribbons will be awarded for the best entries in a number of categories, including flowers, vegetables, baked goods, canned goods and needlework/sewing. Entries accepted 10-11:30AM. Winners on display 1-4PM. All items must be picked up between 4-5PM.

Greenbelt Museum house grounds at 10A and 10B Crescent

Children's Bingo

City of Greenbelt Recreation Department Youth Center

## 1:00PM

Cornhole Tournament - Adult City of Greenbelt Recreation Department Braden Field

**Table Tennis Tournament** – Youth City of Greenbelt Recreation Department Youth Center

**Horseshoe Tournament** – Adult City of Greenbelt Recreation Department Braden Field

# Monday, September 6 10:00AM-12:00PM

# 65th Annual Greenbelt Labor Day

The parade will entertain you with a variety of groups, demonstrating our community spirit and accentuating our city's diverse cultural background. The Greenbelt Police Department Color Guard will lead off the parade, which will include a pipe and drum corps, marching band, numerous local community groups and businesses, fire trucks and local politicians. The Grand Marshal is Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Master of Ceremonies will be Dave Zahren, host of "It's Academic."

Parade Route: Down Crescent Rd. from Greenhill to Southway. Parade is marshaled by the Prince George's County Emergency Radio Association (PGCERA) with assistance from the Prince George's County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (PG-ARES) and the Eleanor Roosevelt High School National Honor Society. Proceeds will go to the Greenbelt Emergency Relief Fund.

#### 10:00AM-6:00PM **Food Trucks**

## 12:00-6:00PM (Blackout game 5:30PM) Bingo

St. Hughs

Bingo players are asked bring a TV tray, small card tables, chairs, blankets to socially distance.

Community Center Lawn

# 12:00-6:00PM

# Greenbelt Elementary PTA Used Book

Visit the PTA Labor Day Book Sale website for more information. FREE BOOKS - Donations appreciated.

Balloon Art with the Tea Fairy Roving

# 3:00-6:00PM

**Live Performance** – Fast Eddie and the

Slowpokes

Fast Eddie and the Slowpokes' playlist is inspired by classic blues material from Chicago to West Coast Swing, Motown to Muscle Shoals, and all the rock 'n' roll in between. Their goal is to get you up on your feet, and they never miss their target!